

# US 27 to I-75 Corridor Scoping Study

## Jessamine, Madison and Fayette Counties

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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#### **1. Who is conducting the study?**

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is conducting the project in cooperation with other agencies, including the Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), other regional agencies, as well as local county and city governments. Assisting these agencies is a team of multi-disciplined consultants led by PB Americas, Inc., of Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky.

Federal money was secured to fund the study in the last national transportation bill and the KYTC was mandated by Congress to execute this study.

#### **2. What is the purpose of the study?**

The basic purpose of the study is to:

1. Identify existing transportation related problems in the region as well as formulate on-going project issues and goals;
2. Develop alternatives (in this case roadway corridors) for solving the identified problems in 1 above that relate to the issues and goals;
3. Assess the impacts and effectiveness of implementing one or more of the proposed alternatives (corridors), including a Do – Nothing option; and
4. Recommend a preferred alternative or alternatives (corridors(s)) for future project development. The preferred alternative could be the Do Nothing option.

#### **3. What are the study's goals and objectives?**

The study's goals and objectives will be developed in close cooperation with local stakeholders, elected officials, and others who are interested in the project.

#### **4. What is the study area?**

See the project area for a map depicting the study area. Note that the study area may change based on the location(s) of feasible corridors.

#### **5. What issues will be examined?**

A partial list of issues that are being examined during the study includes:

##### Environment

- Kentucky River Crossing
- Preservation of Resources (Historic, Farmland, Wetlands, Wildlife, Plant Life, etc.)
- Air Quality / Pollution

### Sustainability

- Public Support / Opinions
- Quality of Life
- Funding
- Economic Development
- Future Growth

### Traffic Operations

- Safety
- Traffic Operations
- Traffic Congestion
- Travel Time Reliability
- Facility Type
- Truck Traffic

### System Level

- Impacts to I-75
- Access Control
- Connectivity
- Homeland Security

This list may not be inclusive of all issues or concerns. Others may be identified during project development and they will also be addressed.

## **6. What alternatives are being examined?**

The study is examining a range of strategies including:

1. No-Build (Do nothing)
2. Several roadway option(s), including:
  - a. A corridor along an existing or reconstructed roadway(s)
  - b. A new roadway corridor(s)
  - c. Combinations of A and B, and
  - d. New interchange(s)

## **7. How long will the study last?**

It is anticipated that the study will take approximately 12 to 18 months to complete. It will be conducted during the remaining part of 2007, with a tentative conclusion by late July 2008.

## **8. When will public workshops be held?**

There will be two public workshops in the study area. These workshops will be held at a convenient location close to the study area to gather additional input at key decision points. The purpose of the first public workshop on November 20, 2007, is to provide information about the study as well as to solicit feedback from the public about project issues and goals along with identification of initial alternative corridors.

The second public meeting will be held toward the end of the study process to present to the public a refined set of alternative corridors and request feedback regarding a project recommendation.

#### **9. What will the study produce?**

At the conclusion of this study, the Project Team will prepare a report that documents and summarizes the events of the study, gives pertinent technical and environmental analyses, documents evaluation results and public comments / feedback, and provides a record of the project with details of the technical analysis.

The document will include a compilation of study area characteristics, identification of potential alternatives, evaluation of those alternatives and subsequent recommendation(s) and conclusions.

No other funding is available for further project development at this time.

#### **10. How do stakeholders get involved?**

There are a number of ways to get involved with the project and your participation is wanted and encouraged.

Please watch / listen to local media (TV, radio, newspapers) for advertisements regarding dates, times and locations for public workshops. However, you do not have to attend workshops to be kept informed or get involved.

You are also invited to send written comments or requests for information to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC).

Please forward your comments and requests to:

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Remember to please reference the US 27 to I-75 Corridor Scoping Study, and include your return address and/or telephone number so we may follow up with you.